

PAUL F. FIGLEY

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, D.C.

Legal Rhetoric Program – Associate Director (2006 to present)

Classes Taught – Torts, Legal Rhetoric

Honors – Emalee C. Godsey Scholar Award (for Faculty Scholarship), 2017

WCL Student Bar Association *Faculty Member of the Year* for 2014-15

WCL Student Bar Association *Professor of the Year* for 2012-13

U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Civil Division, Torts Branch, Federal Tort Claims Act Staff

Deputy Director (1991-2006) - Second in command in office that manages the tort litigation of the federal government.

Prior service in various roles in Civil Division offices responsible for Federal Tort Claims Act, Freedom of Information Act, and Privacy Act litigation.

Honors – Civil Division Award for Dedicated Service, 2005

(One of six to receive this award from among 700 attorneys.)

Two Civil Division Special Commendation Awards

Numerous Special Achievement Awards

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Southern Methodist University School of Law, Dallas, Texas - Juris Doctor

Leading Articles Editor, JOURNAL OF AIR LAW & COMMERCE

Hatton W. Sumners Scholar

(One of five in class to receive three-year grant for full tuition and expenses.)

Admissions Committee

Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania - B.A. *Cum Laude*

History major, Office of Public Relations, Varsity Soccer (MVP), Varsity Baseball.

PUBLICATIONS

Paul Figley, A GUIDE TO THE FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT (ABA, 2d ed. 2018).

Paul Figley, *The Judgment Fund: America's Deepest Pocket & its Susceptibility to Executive Branch Misuse*, 18 U. PA. J. CONST. L. 145 (2015).

Paul Figley, *Using Problems to Teach Quantitative Damages in a First Year Torts Class*, 63. J. OF LEGAL ED. 113 (2013).

Paul Figley, *Ethical Intersections & the Federal Tort Claims Act: An Approach for Government Attorneys*, 8 ST. THOMAS U. L. J. 347 (2011).

Paul Figley, *In Defense of Feres: An Unfairly Maligned Opinion*, 60 AM. U. L. REV. 393 (2011).

Paul Figley, *Teaching Rule Synthesis with Real Cases*, 61. J. OF LEGAL ED. 245 (2011).

Paul Figley & Jay Tidmarsh, *The Appropriations Power and Sovereign Immunity*, 107 MICH. L. REV. 1207 (2009).

Paul Figley, *Understanding the Federal Tort Claims Act: A Different Metaphor*, 44 TORT TR. & INS. PRAC. L.J. 1105 (2009).

Paul Figley, *Calls for Justice & "Joint and Several Liability,"* in MATERIALS ON TORT REFORM 89-91 (Andrew F. Popper ed., 2010).

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Torts, Sovereign Immunity, Federal Tort Claims Act, Legal Writing

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Congressional Testimony on "Oversight of the Judgment Fund" before the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, United States House of Representatives (Washington, D.C., March 2, 2017).

Congressional Testimony on "Oversight of the Judgment Fund: Iran, Big Settlements, and the Lack of Transparency" before the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, United States House of Representatives (Washington, D.C., September 2, 2016).

Congressional Testimony on the "Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2016," before the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, United States House of Representatives (Washington, D.C., April 28, 2016).

"An Overview of American Tort Law," at the Embassy of Kazakhstan (Washington, D.C., March 18, 2016).

"Minimizing Medical Liability Exposure in Clinical Decision Making: A Prescription for Improving Patient Outcomes and Avoiding Litigation" – Panel, at the MedStar Health Legal Symposium (Washington, D.C., June 11, 2014).

"Development of Legal Drafting Skills," at the Profile of the Judicial Officer Seminar, The Washington Center (Washington, D.C., May 12-14, 2014).

"Creating Better Documents: Planning, Revising, and the Review Process," at the Dept. of Commerce, Office of the General Counsel Attorney Retreat (National Archives, Washington, D.C., October 13, 2011).

"Ethical Issues in Defending Federal Tort Claims Act Cases," at the Symposium: Official Wrongdoing and the Civil Liability of the Federal Government and Officers, University of St. Thomas School of Law (Minneapolis, March 17-18, 2011).

"Writing the Brief: How to Write (and Re-Write) a First-Rate Appellate Brief," at the Appellate Practice Conference of the National Attorney General Training and Research Institute (Washington, D.C., March 2009).